TO ALL OF YOU, A SEASON BRIMFUL WITH HOLIDAY JOY.

1948

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Appomattox, Virginia

A Merry Christmas To You

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Jessie and Tom Guill

We wish to extend the Season's Greetings and a grateful Thank You for the past year of friendly associations. May the New Year ring in an era of lasting peace.. of prosperity .. of liberty and justice for all!

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Appomattox, Virginia

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Reading Yuletide Stories Adds to Family Christmas

THE reading of literature's most loved Christmas stories, including the Gospels, is one of the best ways for a family to prepare for the day itself.

A family reading session, planned for the last few days before Christmas, will make it easier for the children to stand the tension of waiting and will add meaning and happy family memories to the occassion.

Christmas is, first of all, religious, and the New Testament accounts of the birth of Jesus ought always to be read first. Both the Christmas tales of Matthew and Luke are beautiful poetry and literature.

Perhaps the most famous Christmas book in the world, after the Gospels, is Dickens "A Christmas Carol," written in 1843. It is a tale which will be told and retold as long as there is Christmas. It is profound enough for the most adult taste and it is still a children's classic.

Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man," is another story which has become a Christmas classic. It tells of a fourth wise man who saw the star rising and set out to follow it. The great desire of this pilgrim was denied, yet fulfilled in the denial.

For a good, unoffensive funny story about Christmas try "How Come Christmas?" by Roark Bradford. It concerns the efforts of a group of Negroes to decide which came first, Santa Claus or the little Lord Jesus.

Probably the most famous American Christmas tale is Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Birds' Christmas Carol." There are other American Christmas stories well worth reading, though such as Louisa May Alcott's "Christmas at Orchard House" and Vincent Starrett's "Snow for Christmas." Christopher Morley's "The Worst Christmas Story" happens to be almost one of the best.

These are just a few of the possibilities for a literary Christmas menu. When it is selected and served to the family circle, have the fireplace going and the tree lights on.

Christmas Quiz

How much do you and your family really know about Christmas? Try this one on them when there's a lull in the fun. Both children and adults will enjoy matching wits and everybody will learn something more about Christmas.

1. The Christmas custom of kissing under the mistletoe started in (a) Norway, (b) Russia, (c) Holland.

2. The story of the birth of Jesus is described in which two books of the New Testament (a) St. John, (b) St. Matthew, (c) St. Luke, (d) St. Mark.

3. The national Christmas tree of America is located in (a) Indiana (b) New York, (c) Washington, D. C., (d) California.

4. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"? (a) Longfellow, (b) Guest, (c) Moore.

5. There is only one town in the world named Santa Claus. It is located in (a) Holland, (b) England, (c) Indiana.

6. Tuberculosis Christmas seals originated in (a) America, (b) Germany, (c) Denmark.

7. The custom of hanging holly in the window on Christmas was originally started (a) to keep witches away, (b) decorate the window (c) as an invitation to passers-by to come in.

8. Christmas boxes for the poor originated in (a) France in 1887, (b) ancient Rome, (c) America in 1763.

9. The children of what country get Christmas gifts from a kindly old witch by the name of Befano instead of from Santa Claus? (a) Russia, (b) China, (c) France, (d) Italy.

10. The word "Noel" means (a) new, (b) holiday, (c) born.

Christmas Quiz Answers:

1. a	6. c
2. b-c	7. a
3. d	8. b
4. c	9. d
5. c	10. c

Birthday of Jesus An Uncertain Date

It is not surprising that the day and year of the birth of Jesus are uncertain, for methods of keeping track of dates during the era when Christ was born were not very reliable. For years, eminent scholars have been searching the scriptures, and all possible records, to try to establish an exact date. So far, they have not succeeded.

Matthew states that Jesus was born during the reign of King Herod which helps to establish the period of His birth and this is the starting point from which the scholars attempt to reckon the year.

No less an authority that the Catholic encyclopedia places the birth of Christ in the year which, by our modern methods of keeping track of dates, would be 7 B.C. Thus, Christ's birth does not exactly determine the difference between B.C. and A.D. date.

Most people, however, do not care if the exact day and year of Christ's birth are unknown. What matters most is the deathless vigor of the Christmas Spirit throughout the world.

Animal Costumes For Christmas

Polish children masquerade in animal costumes on Christmas Eve. It's done to honor the legend that attributes the power of speech to birds and animals during the midnight hour of Christmas Eve in recognition of the animals who, sharing the stable of Bethlehem, warmed the Holy Infant with their breath.

WE WRAP OUR CHRISTMAS WISH IN SMILES.

THE CLEANERS

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We couldn't let this holiday go by without wishing our many friends the merriest Christmas and the Happiest New Year! Thanks for your patronagne and we hope to serve you often in 1949!

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C. J. HUNTER

And lots of it, for friends, old and new.

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Christmas Dances December 24 and 25

Also Dances from 27th thru 31st

Season's Greetings
1948
The friendly scent of the cedars is typical of the Spirit of Christmas. It is in that spirit that we wish for you all the joys and blessings of this Yuletide season.

J. W. MARTIN

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Phone 5503 Appomattox, Va.

Local Happenings

Douglas O. Doss, U. S Army, son of Mrs. Aubrey L. Doss, has arrived in Japan.

James Hall, of Mars Hill College is home for the holidays.

Miss Hilda Moore, of Baltimore, Md., is spending the holidays at her home here.

J. E. Godsey, of Norfolk, is spending Christmas here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Guill have announced the birth of a daughter, Ann Lee, born Monday, December 20, at Guggenheimer Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Fred Smith, of Richmond is here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Eames A. Powers announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia, of Petersburg, on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Powers is the former Miss Mary J. E. Sears.

Mrs. J. E. Smith, T. M. Trent, Mrs. Fannie T. Barlow, Mrs. Brandford Barlow, Mrs. James Noel, Miss Alice Barlow and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith attended the funeral services of the Rev. W. R. Reed at Mount Tabor Tuesday of last week.

Dr. Edwin Fore, of Pamplin, son of E. C. Rogers, who underwent an operation at the Virginia Baptist Hospital recently, is reported to be improving satisfactorily.

The Rev. D. M. Spence is recovering at his home here after an extended illness.

Business places here will be closed Saturday.

The judging committee selected the window displays at the Frozen Food Locker, the Bank of Appomattox and the Ferguson - Flower Shop building for honors in the Garden Club Christmas decoration contest.

Schools began the Christmas holiday yesterday.

Mrs. L. L. Gayle left today to spend Christmas in Richmond. Dr. Gayle will join her for the week-end.

Mrs. R. E. Fore is recovering at the home of her brother, E. C. Rogers, from a recent operation.

Mrs. Mattie Purdum is visiting in Front Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woody and family will spend Christmas Day with Mrs C. E. Woody, at Spout Spring.

Miss Dot Sears, of Petersburg, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Sears.

Mrs. W. J Snead, of Richmond, will spend Christmas with Mrs. William H. Copenhaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Banks Frazier and daughter, Judith Banks, and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Conner, and Mrs. William H. Copenhaver will spend the holidays with Mrs. W. P. Gills.

Mrs. W. T. Steele left today to spend Christmas in Richmond and Petersburg.

Miss Mattie Moss has returned to Richmond to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harvey and family, of Chase City, and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harvey and family, of Hampton recently visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harvey.

Friends are glad to hear that Mrs. J. S. Plunkett is improving after a recent illness.

Miss Mildred McDearmon, of Columbia, S. C., and Miss Mary Frances Cheatham, of New York, are spending the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McDearmon.

Dr. and Mrs. Havilah Babcock, of Columbia, S. C., are spending the holidays at Hotel Appomattox.

David Wooldridge, U. S. Navy, of Hartford, Conn., spent the past week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wooldridge.

Mrs. C. F. James left Wednesday to spend Christmas in Florida.

Mrs. Rosser Ferguson and son, Wilburn and Mrs. B. L. Jordan, of Cullen were recent guests of Mrs. W. H. Conner.

Mrs. T. H. Taylor, Jr., of Washington spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Peters. Miss Elizabeth Peters, of Madison College, is home for the holidays.

Miss Katie Seay, Pete Doss and Wallace Haley spent a Sunday recently in Washington.

David W. Carter, U. S. Navy, of Norfolk spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. W. W. Carter.

Miss Shirley Stanley, of Madison College; Miss Patsy Booth, of Radford S. T. C.; Misses LaVerne Doss and Bolling Conner, of William and Mary College; Miss Joyce Wingfield, of Radford S. T. C.; and Richard Wingfield, of Bluefield College; H. H. Caldwell and Dick Carter, of V. P. I.; Misses Beulah White and Florence McFadden, of Marr Hill College N. C., are among the students here for the holidays.

Mrs. Alpha Higginbotham will spend Christmas in Baltimore, Md.

William Moore, of Richmond, was here for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ford, Jr., of Blacksburg are spending Christmas with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Floyd Mitchell.

The Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Robinson, of Nellysford plan to spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Johnson have rented the residence of Mrs. S. W. Sears and plan to move January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bobby" Lawson, of Washington will spend the holidays here with their parents.

Mrs. Mollie Moore left Wednesday to spend sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Moore, in Algoma, W. Va.

A large number of children enjoyed seeing Santa Claus "in person" Saturday afternoon at Appomattox Hardware Co.

Santa Pictured By Thomas Nast

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who created our conception of Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is also credited with giving America its first modern pictorialization of Santa Claus.

Nast first sketched his notion of Santa Claus in 1873. This Santa was a rollicking, chubby old man smoking a pipe and dressed in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and has acquired the traditional red suit bordered in ermine.

CANTEEN PARTY NEW YEAR'S EVE

There will be a Canteen Party Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve, sponsored by the PTA. Hours will be from 8 to 11 P. M.

A recent wedding of interest here was the marriage of Miss Edith Turney Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Wood, of Gary, W. Va., and Charles Washington Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Page, of Appomattox. The ceremony was performed in the Chapel of the First Baptist Church, by the Rev. Wade H. Bryant.

REYNOLDS - FERGUSON

Miss Elizabeth Ferguson, daughter of Paul Ferguson, of Evergreen and Alfred Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds, of Vera were united in marriage December 4th, in Elkton, Maryland, by the Rev. J. K. Lambert, using the double ring ceremony. The bride was dressed in a grey suit with black accessories, with a corsage of red carnations and white sweet peas. After a wedding trip, they are now making their home at the home of the bride.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my wife, and our mother, Mrs. Mollie S. Martin, who parted this life three years ago, Dec. 26, 1945:

Our thoughts wonder as daylight fades,
To the land of long ago.
And memory paints the scenes of old,
In the gold of the twilight glow.
We seem to see in the soft dim light,
A face we loved the best;
We think of you when the sun's last ray
Goes down in the far-off west.
You have gone across the river,
To the shores of the evergreen,
And we long to see your smiling face,
But the river flows between.
Someday, sometime our eyes shall see,
The face we loved so well;
Someday we'll clasp her loving hand,
And never say farewell.

—Sadly missed by

Her Husband and Children

Magi Were Priests Of Persian Religion

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi, anyway?

The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gives a very favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed four hundred years before Christ's birth.

According to Herodotus the Magi were powerful in public and private affairs. They conducted the education of the young princes, and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors.

This description of a Magi appears in the sacred writing of Zoroaster: "Thou shouldst call him priest, who sits the whole night thru and yearns for holy wisdom that enables man to stand upon death's bridge fearless and with happy heart, the wisdom whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."

The three Magi, or Wise Men, who followed the Star of Bethlehem and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child remain nameless, but they were the first to recognize the importance of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

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Season's Greetings to All My Friends

And Best Wishes for the New Year.

George B. Buchanan, Mayor

A Jolly Christmas, and a prosperous New Year!

TO ALL MY FRIENDS IN APPOMATTOX, BUCKINGHAM, CHARLOTTE AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES - - -

"Let not one heart be said today,
May every child be glad and gay;
God bless thy children, great and small,
In lowly hut or castle hall;
And may each soul keep festival,
At Christmas,"

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